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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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A. Introductory Comments

This document is filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004. Applicants enclose herewith a Petition for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and a check in the amount of \$1,020.00 as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). With this extension of time, the present Amendment and Response is due on January 1, 2005. Under 35 USC 21, when the day, or the last day, for taking any action or paying any fee in the United States Patent and Trademark Office falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday within the District of Columbia the action may be taken, or the fee paid, on the next succeeding secular or business day. Therefore, the present Amendment and Response is due on Monday, January 3, 2005. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Ref. No. 24443-501, **Customer Number 30263**.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.